



**SMA**



# Statewide Mutual Aid (SMA)

&

# Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)



# Vision Statement - SMA



- Developed to assist localities (locality means “political subdivision” as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16) to more **effectively and efficiently exchange services and resources in response to declared disasters and emergencies.**



# Vision Statement - EMAC



- A congressionally ratified organization that provides form and structure to interstate mutual aid.

Through EMAC, a disaster impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states quickly and efficiently, resolving two key issues upfront: liability and reimbursement.



# Goals and Objectives (EMAC & SMA)

- Provide **appropriate resources** in a timely manner
- Provide **structured liability and reimbursement**
- **Identify all available assets** within the Commonwealth as well as the U.S. that will benefit the public welfare of anyone at risk from any disaster whether natural or man-made
- Assist resource management through the development of **Advance Teams** not only for local jurisdictions in Virginia utilizing SMA, and for all 56 territories and states utilizing EMAC



# Today's Situation



- **All 139 eligible Virginia localities** have adopted the Statewide Mutual Aid for Emergency Management, agreeing to provide assistance when requested, subject to availability of resources, and setting out general requirements and procedures.
- **All 56 States and Territories** have signed and adopted the EMAC Legislation agreeing to provide assistance when requested subject to availability of resources and setting out general requirements and procedures



# Today's Situation (con't)



- SMA forms have been redesigned and standardized for intrastate or interstate use
- The Attorney General's office has cleared the way for future deployments to be done under SMA whenever a locality is deployed on EMAC
- Currently there are 163 persons trained in EMAC and SMA Advance Team procedures and duties in the Commonwealth. The largest group from any state in the country



# Today's Situation (con't)



- **Additional Training** will be offered in the new year and refresher training will also be scheduled
- Resource Management has initiated a new program of **collecting resource data** from Localities and State Agencies resulting in better requesting, tracking and documentation accountability
- Data collected will be combined into **WebEOC Resource Manager** and will be the Commonwealth's main database for Locality and Agency Resources
- Forms are also being developed that will be available for download to allow for better **tracking of received resources**



# Today's Situation (con't)



- In addition to physical resources being identified, Incident Management Teams will be **identified and credentialed**. All disciplines of Emergency Management will be covered
- **Pre-Scripted missions, for SMA or EMAC** are being developed by agencies to use during an event





# How Did We Get Here?



- Communications with and education of localities and states
- Listening to our partners in the communities describe their needs and what they can provide to others
- We were proactive, we went to the localities and offered the programs, we did not wait for them to come to us.



# Programs for the Future



- Additional EMAC / SMA Advance Team Training
- Increased emphasis on Point of Distribution Planning
- Point of Distribution Training – Regional & Local
- Increased emphasis on Critical Infrastructure Generator Planning
- Increased emphasis on Pre-Scripting Missions based off of Locality and State Agency Gap Identification
- Additional Emergency Services Contracts for use not only by State Agencies, but also designed for localities during declared events



# Recommendation, Comments & Questions



We welcome all recommendations, comments and questions. If you later have any input you can contact:

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